

## Akathist Hymn to the Great Martyr and Healer St. Panteleimon

**Priest:** Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

O Heavenly King,  
the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth  
Who art everywhere and fillest all things.  
Treasury of Blessings,  
and Giver of Life.  
Come and abide in us,  
and cleanse us from every impurity,  
and save our souls, O Good One!

**Reader:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.  
Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil One.

**Priest:** For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

### God Is the Lord

**Deacon:** In the 3<sup>rd</sup> tone: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever.

**Choir:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

**Deacon:** All nations surrounded me, but in the Name of the Lord I destroyed them.

**Choir:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

**Deacon:** I shall not die but live and recount the works of the Lord.

**Choir:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

**Deacon:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

**Choir:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

### **Troparion – Tone 3**

**Choir:** Holy passion-bearer and healer Panteleimon,  
entreat the merciful God, //  
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions! (3x)

### **Kontakion 1**

Chosen passion-bearer of Christ and gracious healer, who freely grants healing unto the sick, we praise you in songs as our protector. Since you have boldness with the Lord, free us from all harm and sickness who cry with love unto you:

Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

### **Ikos 1**

We know you, glorious Panteleimon, as an earthly angel and heavenly man. Adorned with angelic purity and martyrdom, you have passed from earth to Heaven. Standing before the Throne of the Lord of Glory with the angels and all the saints, you pray for all of us on earth who venerate you with these invocations:

Rejoice, torch of piety.

Rejoice, most glorious lamp of the Church.

Rejoice, adornment of venerable martyrs.

Rejoice, support of the faithful in unflinching endurance.

Rejoice, outstanding boast of youth.

Rejoice, having grown up in the world, you were not of the world.

Rejoice, angel in the flesh, surpassing mortals.

Rejoice, warrior of Christ of invincible courage.

Rejoice, witness of heavenly mercy.

Rejoice, vessel of divine knowledge.

Rejoice, you by whom faith have been exalted.

Rejoice, you by whom delusion have been dethroned.

Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

## **Kontakion 2**

Seeing you to be a chosen vessel, the Lord loved the beauty of your soul. Despising all earthly glory and pleasure, you longed to adorn yourself with the crown of martyrdom. Hence, wounded with divine love, you jubilantly sang: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

## **Ikos 2**

Possessing divinely inspired knowledge, O valiant warrior Panteleimon, you astounded the Emperor Maximian by the courage of your soul and by the words with which you fearlessly preached Christ. Wherefore praising your boldness, we cry unto you:

Rejoice, despiser of Maximian's threats.  
Rejoice, you who did not follow the advice of the godless.  
Rejoice, propagator of true adoration.  
Rejoice, uprooter of demon worship.  
Rejoice, accuser of the fury of torturers.  
Rejoice, overthrower of the delusion of idolatry.  
Rejoice, disperser of the assembly of the godless.  
Rejoice, exchanger of the corruptible for heavenly joy.  
Rejoice, converser with immaterial angels.  
Rejoice, fellow chorister of longsuffering saints.  
Rejoice, you by whom Satan was put to shame.  
Rejoice, you by whom Christ is glorified.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

## **Kontakion 3**

By the power of the Most High given unto you and by your strong patience you rendered powerless the torturer's insolence, O valiant victor who was undaunted by fire, wild beasts, and the wheel. When beheaded with the sword, received the crown of martyrdom, wounded with divine love and singing: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

## **Ikos 3**

The monastery which has your precious head as a great treasure, O divinely wise martyr, is filled with joy over it. Praising the grace of healing given unto you by God, the monks thankfully cry unto you:

Rejoice, all-radiant lamp of Nicomedia.  
Rejoice, vigilant guardian of the monastery that honors you.  
Rejoice, you through whom godlessness grew cold.  
Rejoice, you through whom the knowledge of God has increased.

Rejoice, bright glory of the passion-bearers.  
Rejoice, joyous report of the Orthodox.  
Rejoice, gracious source of healings.  
Rejoice, worthy container of great gifts.  
Rejoice, fragrant myrrh who sweetens souls.  
Rejoice, ready helper of those who call upon you.  
Rejoice, giver of sight unto the blind.  
Rejoice, you by whom the lame walk.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

#### **Kontakion 4**

Possessed by a storm of polytheistic thoughts, the impious Emperor was confused upon learning from the doctors, who were jealous of you, that you heal all kinds of hopeless illnesses by the Name of Christ. We therefore glorify with gladness our wonderful God in you, and we cry unto Him: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

#### **Ikos 4**

When the people of Nicomedia heard of your great compassion for the suffering and of your free healing of all illnesses, everyone rushed to you with faith in the healing grace in you. Receiving swift healing of all their diseases, they glorified God and magnified you, Saint Panteleimon, their most gracious healer, crying unto you:

Rejoice, you on whom are anointed with the myrrh of grace.  
Rejoice, sanctifier of the Temple of God.  
Rejoice, great glory of the pious.  
Rejoice, firm wall of the oppressed.  
Rejoice, surpasser of the wise in knowledge.  
Rejoice, enlightener of the thoughts of the faithful.  
Rejoice, recipient of divine gifts and source of many of the Lord's mercies for us.  
Rejoice, speedy helper of the suffering.  
Rejoice, harbor of the storm-tossed.  
Rejoice, instructor for those gone astray.  
Rejoice, healer of the sick freely.  
Rejoice, worker of miracles abundantly.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

#### **Kontakion 5**

The Lord worked a glorious miracle through you when through His servant Hermolaus, He called you into His marvelous light. After your prayer to Christ, a child who had died from snakebite at once revived and stood up healed. Thenceforth, recognizing the Giver of Life as the True God of all, with firm faith you cried unto Him: Alleluia.

## **Ikos 5**

The blind man whom you touched with prayer in the Name of Christ recovered his sight, O glorious martyr. Renouncing your father's polytheism, you were baptized by the priest Hermolaus and embraced your mother's religion with which you also enlightened your father. We therefore cry aloud unto you, Saint Panteleimon, as unto a glorious servant of God and wonderful healer:

Rejoice, you who have great devotion for God.  
Rejoice, you who are ever aflame with the fire of divine love.  
Rejoice, you who listened to the teachings of the priest Hermolaus.  
Rejoice, you who followed the advice of your mother Evbuli.  
Rejoice, you who gave away everything to obtain Christ.  
Rejoice, you who vanquished love for the world by love for God.  
Rejoice, you who renounced worldly pleasures and accepted for Christ cruel sufferings.  
Rejoice, you who became a partaker of Christ's Passion.  
Rejoice, you who overcame all the passions.  
Rejoice, you who through grace was adorned with dispassion.  
Rejoice, you who fills with joy those who hasten to you.  
Rejoice, you who heals all freely by the grace of Christ.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

## **Kontakion 6**

The blind man enlightened by you in body and soul became a preacher of the truth. Like the blind man of the Gospel, he boldly preached Christ unto all as the True Light that enlightens every man. Because he reproached the impious Emperor and the pagan gods, he was beheaded and rose to the never-waning light in Heaven to sing unto God: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

## **Ikos 6**

Standing before the Emperor's tribunal with a radiant face, you boldly declared in the hearing of all, O thrice-blessed Martyr Panteleimon: Mine all-healing power and glory is Christ, the True God, the Lord of all, Who raises the dead and heals all infirmities. For this confession we bless you and say:

Rejoice, thundering mouth of the deity of Christ.  
Rejoice, mellifluous tongue that declares His plan of salvation.  
Rejoice, orator of sublime theology.  
Rejoice, wise sower of piety.  
Rejoice, sweet-sounding flute of faith.  
Rejoice, glorious preacher of Orthodoxy.  
Rejoice, faithful follower in Christ's footsteps.

Rejoice, joyful seer of Christ's glory.  
Rejoice, comfort of those reproached by unbelievers.  
Rejoice, support of those who confess the Faith.  
Rejoice, giver of help unto those who need it.  
Rejoice, obtainer of blessings for those who honor your memory.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

### **Kontakion 7**

Myrrh was poured out upon your soul, O divinely wise healer Panteleimon, from the Comforter Spirit. Hence, after your death, your venerable relics by their fragrance banish the stench of the passions and give healing unto those who with faith cry unto God: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

### **Ikos 7**

When the worshippers of idols beheld the paralyzed man raised and walking through your prayer, Saint Panteleimon, many believed in Christ. However, the demon's priests, consumed with jealousy, incited the vain Emperor to anger. For this reason, unto you who was mercilessly tortured and burnt for Christ, we cry with compunction:

Rejoice, despiser of earthly pleasures.  
Rejoice, you who were above material comforts.  
Rejoice, you who regarded as nothing all the beautiful things in this world.  
Rejoice, you who shook yourself free of fleeting glory.  
Rejoice, you who remained free from the nets of the devil.  
Rejoice, vanquisher of the wiles of the torturers.  
Rejoice, you who did not spare your life for Christ.  
Rejoice, you who were shown to be an enemy of hostile flesh.  
Rejoice, you who impeded the spread of belief in many gods.  
Rejoice, you who by the power of God defeated the idols.  
Rejoice, sharp arrow by whom enemies are wounded.  
Rejoice, mediator who defends the faithful.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

### **Kontakion 8**

The Lord appeared unto you in a wonderful way, encouraging and upholding you in the tortures for His Name. In the person of the priest Hermolaus, the Lord cooled the boiling lead into which you were thrown, and in the sea He untied the great stone from thy neck and brought you unharmed onto land. Whereafter having been brought again before the Emperor, you sang triumphantly unto Christ our God: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

## **Ikos 8**

While dwelling noetically wholly in Heaven, you leave not those below on earth but remain with us through the relics of your holy skull, O great passion-bearer of Christ. Receiving from the Lord enlightenment and sanctification, you give blessings unto those who cry unto you thus:

Rejoice, you who are filled with divine wisdom.  
Rejoice, discerner of God's providence.  
Rejoice, delight of minds made wise by God.  
Rejoice, gladness of souls who love God.  
Rejoice, bright pearl of Christ.  
Rejoice, glorious sanctification in soul and body.  
Rejoice, dweller in the courts of the firstborn in Heaven.  
Rejoice, inhabitant of the ever-blessed bridal halls.  
Rejoice, beholder of the light of the Trinity.  
Rejoice, fervent mediator in your prayers to God for us.  
Rejoice, you who grant illumination unto souls.  
Rejoice, comforter unto the afflicted.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

## **Kontakion 9**

All nature marveled, Great Martyr, at the radiance of grace and the wealth of virtues in you. You are a model of angelic purity, great courage in cruel sufferings, strong love for Christ, and great compassion for the people for whom you do glorious things that they may sing: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

## **Ikos 9**

Eloquent orators cannot worthily praise your struggles, O glorious victor Panteleimon. By the invincible power of God, though young in years, you conquered the ancient, primordial enemy and put to shame the deluded idolaters. Full of wonder at your faith and purity, we truly cry unto you:

Rejoice, joyful sight of angels.  
Rejoice, worthy wonder of men.  
Rejoice, you who shed your blood for Christ, and in death shed milk.  
Rejoice, you how gave up your body to a martyr's death for His sake.  
Rejoice, splendid model of confession.  
Rejoice, valiant warrior of the King of kings.  
Rejoice, you who conquered the ruler of darkness.  
Rejoice, you who by your victory gladdened Heaven and earth.  
Rejoice, blessed inhabitant of the world above.

Rejoice, wise pilgrim of the world below.  
Rejoice, tree adorned with the fruits of the gifts of grace.  
Rejoice, you who carry palms of victory.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

### **Kontakion 10**

Full of compassion as a true imitator of Christ the Giver of Mercy, you were renamed by Him Panteleimon — that is, all-merciful — for you pour mercy upon all who hasten to your aid. Pour it also abundantly upon us who cry unto God concerning you: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

### **Ikos 10**

Finding you a strong wall resistant to all kinds of torture, the torturer tried to break your spirit by the teeth of wild beasts and the spikes of the torture wheel, but all to no effect. The power of Christ restrained the fierceness of the beasts, and the frightful wheel on which your body was turned immediately broke to pieces. Wherefore unto you, invincible passion-bearer Panteleimon, we cry:

Rejoice, precious chosen-one of Christ.  
Rejoice, exquisite fragrance of God.  
Rejoice, firm diamond of the Church.  
Rejoice, unshakable tower reaching unto Heaven.  
Rejoice, tamer of visible beasts.  
Rejoice, crusher of invisible dragons.  
Rejoice, you who were stained with your blood shed for Christ, mixed with milk.  
Rejoice, you who have received glorious crowns.  
Rejoice, you who brought joy unto angels and men.  
Rejoice, you who have been glorified by God in Heaven and on earth.  
Rejoice, celestial one who sings in the choirs of the martyrs.  
Rejoice, holy one who delights in the sweet vision of Christ.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

### **Kontakion 11**

A funeral song do we offer unto you sacred atonement for Christ, in which milk instead of blood flowed from you, Great Martyr, and the olive tree under which you were beheaded was all covered with healing fruit. It is fitting that we cry fervently unto Christ Who wonderfully glorifies those who glorify Him: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

### **Ikos 11**

You were a luminous ray, divinely wise Panteleimon, unto those sitting in the darkness of polytheism, leading them unto the Sun of Righteousness, Christ God. You entreat him that we who offer unto you glad praises may ever live in the light of His Commandments:

Rejoice, bright star, shining in the noetic firmament.

Rejoice, ray of light, shining for Christian people.

Rejoice, you who were mystically illumined by the Sun, Christ.

Rejoice, you who in spirit roams the earth.

Rejoice, beautiful tabernacle of the Holy Spirit.

Rejoice, honorable vessel who pours out healing.

Rejoice, treasury of purity.

Rejoice, namesake of mercy.

Rejoice, heir of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Rejoice, partaker of eternal glory.

Rejoice, patron of those in distress upon the sea of life.

Rejoice, unmercenary healer who helps those who invoke you with faith.

Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

### **Kontakion 12**

You received an abundance of grace, O thrice-blessed one, according to the greatness of your love for Christ God, Who also showed you to be a source of healing. You cure free of charge the sicknesses of soul and body of those who approach you with faith and cry unto God: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

### **Ikos 12**

Chanting of your longsuffering labors for Christ, O our defender and healer Panteleimon, we praise your great patience, we bless your martyr's death, we honor your holy memory, and in praise we cry unto you:

Rejoice, sweet-sounding trumpet of piety.

Rejoice, sword who cut down impiety.

Rejoice, you who were struck at the olive tree for Him Who stretched out His hands on the Tree of the Cross.

Rejoice, by being burnt for Him, you extinguished the furnace of delusion.

Rejoice, by your wounds, you wounded the opponents of Christ.

Rejoice, by your blood, you dry the streams of idolatrous blood.

Rejoice, you who were thrown into boiling lead for Christ.

Rejoice, you who were sunk into the sea for His Name.

Rejoice, you who remained unharmed therein by the providence of God.  
Rejoice, you who passed through tortures of fire and water into the peace of Heaven.  
Rejoice, you who poured unfailing streams of mercy upon the faithful.  
Rejoice, gracious and compassionate physician who grants healing through grace.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

### **Kontakion 13**

Since you are a longsuffering passion-bearer of Christ and a healer, Saint Panteleimon, graciously accept from us this small offering. Heal us of our many and various ailments, and through thine intercession protect us from enemies visible and invisible. Pray to the Lord that we may be delivered from eternal torment, and that we may continually sing in His Kingdom: Alleluia.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

*(Repeat Kontakion 13 three times.)*

### **Kontakion 1 (repeated)**

Chosen passion-bearer of Christ and gracious healer, who freely grants healing unto the sick, we praise you in songs as our protector. Since you have boldness with the Lord, free us from all harm and sickness who cry with love unto you:

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### **Ikos 1**

We know you, glorious Panteleimon, as an earthly angel and heavenly man. Adorned with angelic purity and martyrdom, you have passed from earth to Heaven. Standing before the Throne of the Lord of Glory with the angels and all the saints, you pray for all of us on earth who venerate you with these invocations:

Rejoice, torch of piety.  
Rejoice, most glorious lamp of the Church.  
Rejoice, adornment of venerable martyrs.  
Rejoice, support of the faithful in unflinching endurance.  
Rejoice, outstanding boast of youth.  
Rejoice, having grown up in the world, you were not of the world.  
Rejoice, angel in the flesh, surpassing mortals.  
Rejoice, warrior of Christ of invincible courage.  
Rejoice, witness of heavenly mercy.  
Rejoice, vessel of divine knowledge.  
Rejoice, you by whom faith have been exalted.  
Rejoice, you by whom delusion have been dethroned.  
Rejoice, Saint Panteleimon, Great Martyr and Healer.

### **A Prayer**

**Deacon:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Holy great martyr and healer, Panteleimon, pray to God for us!

**Priest:** Saint Panteleimon, we who suffer from godless persecutors as well as from illnesses and disabilities, beseech you to increase our love for Jesus Christ Who suffered cruel and unjust treatment for the sake of our salvation. We do not deserve such salvation or any benefits from the saints in Heaven. Yet, since you freely give, and since all gifts come only through God, we implore you to heal all our afflictions and illumine our souls unto His service and glory. We thank you, Saint Panteleimon, for not rejecting us in our weakness but helping us in our time of need.

**People:** Amen.

### **Dismissal**

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Priest:** Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

**Choir:** More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God the Word, true Theotokos we magnify you!

**Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee!

**Choir:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Father Bless.

**Priest:** May Christ our true God, through the prayers of his most pure Mother; of the Holy Glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of the holy martyr and great healer Panteleimon, of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

**Choir:** Amen.